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Hongkong, March 1, 1878.

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Hongkong, September 28, 1878.

Intimations.

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N. J. EDE,

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Hongkong, October 7, 1878. ocl4

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Hongkong, August 28, 1878. ocl4

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LANE, CRAWFORD & CO. beg to notify that they have made such Arrangements in connection with their TAILORING DEPARTMENT, that they are now able to Guarantee the PROMPT Execution of Orders.

The Following GOODS Suitable for the present Season have just been received, from which an early Selection is requested.

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Notices of Firms.

NOTICE.

MR HENRI VINAY has been Appointed AGENT for the COMPTOIR D'ESCOMpte DE PARIS, at Hongkong. MR ERNEST SCHEVEBLIN will have power to act at the same place in Mr VINAY's absence.

E. G. VOUILLEMONT,
Manager,
COMPTOIR D'ESCOMpte DE PARIS,
SHANGHAI

Shanghai, September 6, 1878.

WITH Reference to the above, I have This Day OPENED the AGENCY of the COMPTOIR D'ESCOMpte DE PARIS, at the Office of Messrs RUSSELL & Co.

H. VINAY,
Agent.

Hongkong, September 12, 1878. oc12

NOTICE.

THE Interest and Responsibility of Mr ARTHUR CHART in our Firm CEASED on the 31st December last.

J. INGLIS & Co.

Hongkong, June 13, 1878. de13

NOTICE.

MR NG MEI KUM otherwise called NG HOK MUN is admitted a Partner in our Firm from the 2nd February, 1878.

TACK MEE, HOP KEE HONG,
No. 9 & 11, Bonham Strand West.
Hongkong, September 30, 1878.

NOTICE.

THE Interest and Responsibility of the late Mr NG SIN FOO otherwise called NG HOK SEE in our Firm CEASED from the 2nd February, 1878.

TACK MEE, HOP KEE HONG,
No. 9 & 11, Bonham Strand West.
Hongkong, September 30, 1878. de30

NOTICE.

THE Undersigned, HOP YEK & Co. of HOWARD's Godowns, No. 239, Shek Tong Tsui, beg to notify that the said Company is not nor will be Responsible for any Debts contracted by any of the Firm's employees or Partners. Also, no Debt, if any, can be deducted from the Rent Payable to the said Company. The Company is only Responsible for those Accounts, which are Confirmed and Signed by Mr CHU WING On himself, of the Kung Yim shop, Wing Lok Street.

HOP YEK & Co.
Hongkong, September 13, 1878. oc13

NOTICE.

THE Undersigned having This Day PURCHASED the STOCK-IN-TRADE, Book Debts, and Goodwill of the CHINA DISPENSARY hitherto Carried on by Mr W. BALL, will conduct and carry on the said Business (in connection with the VICTORIA DISPENSARY) on his own Account from This Date.

WM. CRUICKSHANK.
Hongkong, August 31, 1878.

NOTICE.

THE Interest and Responsibility of the Undersigned in the Chinese Mail, 漢字日報 (Wah Tze Yat Po), CEASED from the 1st August, 1877, but Debts prior to that Date will be received and paid by him.

CHUN AYIN.
Hongkong, April 6, 1878.

NOTICE.

IN Reference to the above, the Undersigned has LEASED the Chinese Mail from the 1st August, 1877, and has engaged the services of Mr LEONG YOOK CHUN, as Translator and General Manager of the newspaper, which under its new régime will be found to be, as hitherto, an excellent medium for advertising, especially as the Manager is able to devote his whole attention to the conduct of the Newspaper.

KONG CHIM,
Lessee of the Hongkong Chinese Mail.
Hongkong, April 6, 1878.

Not Responsible for Debts.

Neither the Captain, the Agents, nor Owners will be Responsible for any Debts contracted by the Officers or Crew of the following Vessels, during their stay in Hongkong Harbour:—

BRUNETTE, British barque, Captain W. Dow.—Geo. R. Stevens & Co.

IMPÉRIATEUR ELISABETH, Austrian ship, Capt. Hughe.—D. Musso & Co.

INDIA, American ship, Capt. O. Patten, —Order.

DOU QUIRO, American ship, Captain Chas. F. Kieg.—Messageries Maritimes.

STUNLINE, British barque, Captain Wm. Armstrong.—O. & S. S. Co.

PREMIERE, British barque, Captain A. Holmes.—Russell & Co.

RALEIGH M. BAYARD, American 3-m. schooner, Capt. L. B. Doane.—Meyer & Co.

GLAMIS, British bark, Captain Key.—Russell & Co.

BEETHOVEN, German barque, Capt. E. Hajo.—Melscher & Co.

LOD M. MACAULAY, British barque, Capt. R. B. Monkman.—Wm. Pustau & Co.

FORTEWAY, British ship, Capt. Geo. B. Taylor.—Arnold, Karberg & Co.

Not Responsible for Debts.

ENSAIS, British ship, Captain Chas. Jardine, Matheson & Co.

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THEATRE ROYAL,
CITY HALL,
HONGKONG.
THIS EVENING,
(THURSDAY), October 10th, 1878.

THE ROYAL ENGLISH OPERA
AND
OPERA BOUFFE COMPANY

Will Repeat, by Desire,

DONIZETTI'S MILITARY OPERA

THE DAUGHTER
OF THE
REGIMENT.

MISS ELCIA MAY AS MARIE.

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Tonio, Miss A. DRAEGER.
Hortensia, Mr HODSON.
Duke of Grandtete, Mr ADAMS.
Corporal, Mr GLADSTONE.
Duchess, Mr EDALE.
Marchioness, Miss E. DRANGER.
MARIE, Miss ELCIA MAY.
Soldiers, &c.

During the Evening

MISS OLARA STANLEY

will performed

VIOOLIN SOLO,
Entitled
"SONNIO CIEL."

Tickets to be had and Seats secured at Messrs KRUSE & Co's, where a Plan of the Theatre may be seen.

PRICES OF ADMISSION:

Dress Circle or Orchestra
Stalls TWO DOLLARS.
Pit ONE DOLLAR.

Ladies unaccompanied by Gentlemen cannot be admitted.

Hongkong, October 10, 1878. oc11

To-day's Advertisements.

FOR NINGPO & SHANGHAI
The Steamship
"CHINA"

F. C. ACKERMANN, Master, will be despatched for the above Ports TO-MORROW, the 11th Instant, at Noon. For Freight or Passage, apply to SIEMENS & Co.

Hongkong, October 10, 1878. oc11

FOR SHANGHAI, YOKOHAMA AND HIOGO.

The Steamship
"LOUDOUN CASTLE"
will be despatched for the above Ports, at Daylight, on SUNDAY, the 13th Instant.

For Freight or Passage, apply to ADAMSON, BELL & Co., Agents.

Hongkong, October 10, 1878. oc18

FOR SWATOW, AMOY & FOOCHOW.
The Steamship
"NAOMA."

Capt. WESTBY, will be despatched for the above Ports on SUNDAY, the 13th Instant, at Daylight. For Freight or Passage, apply to DOUGLAS LAPRAK & Co.

Hongkong, October 10, 1878. oc13

NOTICE.

Owing to the inclemency of the weather, the Departure of the Steamship
"OCEAN"

is POSTPONED until further notice.

GEO. R. STEVENS & Co., Agents.

Hongkong, October 10, 1878. oc18

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NOTICE.

The Band 74th Highlanders will perform the following programme at the Officers' Mess to-morrow night, commencing at 9.15 p.m.—

Quadrille,.....Musen,.....Straus.
Overture,.....Le Cheval de Bronze,.....Auber.
Selection,.....Les Vépres Siciliennes,.....Verdi.
Valze,.....Carre Lieder,.....Gungli.
Selection,.....La Fille du Régiment,.....Donizetti.
Galop,.....Uber Stock und Stein,.....Faust.

Mr J. BUCHANAN, Bandmaster.

As was to be expected, the arrivals from seaward-to-day all report having encountered bad weather. The German barque *Iphigenia* bound to Amoy from this port, got dismasted, and had to put back here for repairs; the German barque *Hammonia*, from Takow bound to Yokohama, caught the gale to the Eastward of Formosa, and was stranded so much, that she had to run down here, leaking badly. The German steamer *Bellona* picked up five men and a woman from off a raft, who said they belonged to a Macao junk, and that 13 men belonging to her had perished. The *Bellona* also passed a number of dismasted native craft making the best of their way towards Macao. The British ship *Fontenay* brought 4 men whom she had rescued from a Foochow junk, off Chelang Point. The *Douglas* reports very bad weather between Foochow and Amoy. The folks in Amoy had their trouble, on the 7th, and in Swatow, as with us, on the 8th, but no disaster occurred amongst the shipping. The *Kinsman* reports that she anchored at Castle Peak at 10 a.m. on Tuesday, where she remained very comfortably until 8.45 p.m. The gale was worst at from noon until 4 p.m. She reached Canton at 6.55 a.m. the next morning. Some anxiety had been felt about the *Spark*, which appears to have been in the worst of it and was unable to put back. The S.S. *Albey* is all safe, she found shelter at Chung Chow. Our shipping reports in another column will be found of some interest.

H.M.S. *Vigilant*, with Admiral Hillyar, is at Amoy.

The *Foochow Herald* says—

A most daring attack by an armed band of robbers, on the night of the 26th ultimo, is reported from Hongkong. The gang, numbering from 80 to 100 men, landed in the Colony at night, and attempted to plunder a goldsmith's shop. Fortunately they were beaten off, but they succeeded in making good their escape in a steam-launch, after having seriously wounded six of the Colonial police. The affair has created much alarm and indignation, and the Governor's humanitarian policy is loudly condemned. A public meeting is called, of, but nothing will be done; the Colonists are said to be too respectable to commit themselves to an opinion in a matter of Government.

Hedges & Co.'s Weekly Shipping Report, Foochow Anchorage, 5th October, 1878.—

Arrivals During the Week.—Sept. 28, Ulysses, from Shanghai; 28, Galatea, from Shanghai; 29, Namoa, from Hongkong; 29, Palma, from Amoy; Oct. 1, Kramer, from Newchwang; 2, Glamorganshire, from Hongkong; 3, Douglas, from Hongkong; 4, Haeting, from Shanghai; 5, Europe, from Shanghai.

Departures During the Week.—Sept. 28, Haeting, for Shanghai; 29, Wm. Turner, for Melbourne; 29, Europe, for Shanghai; 29, Kwang Tung, for Hongkong; Oct. 1, Ulysses, for London; 2, Otto, for Newchwang; 2, Namoa, for Hongkong; 3, Lizzie, for Newchwang; 3, Galatea, for London; 4, Kate Tatham, for Sydney, shipping in Port—Kantakie, Swinger, Speke Hall, Hebe, Alert, Harmonie, W. Siegfried, Palma, J. Kramer, Glamorganshire, Douglas, Haeting, Europe.

Amoy.

Oct. 8, 1878.

The first batch of griffins from the North has arrived, and training will begin with the much-wished-for arrival of the N.E. monsoon.

A poor wretch got burnt to death on board the *Retriever* while in Dock the other day. He was watchman and was lighting the fire for early coffee, but he foolishly poured some kerosene out of a bottle to light the fire more quickly. The flame reached the bottle and burst it, sending the burning contents all over him. The Captain hearing his shrieks rushed to his cabin for his blankets and enveloped the poor man in them, but too late to save his life. The ship was in danger for a minute or two, but the fire was promptly extinguished.

In a recent Consular case here the Consul decided in an action brought against Messrs Tait & Co., as agents for the *Glamis Castle*, that the plaintiff had no right to deduct a sum of \$400 in current account for freight by Pacific Mail on tea "shut out." The owners, however, have reversed the decision, and have remitted through the Hongkong and Shanghai Bank the amount claimed, with interest. The consignment of their tea-keepers in Amoy is now in the hands of Messrs Boyd and Co. A question now generally asked is, "When is Mr. daibane going to leave us?"

A portion of the new Bund wall sunk in the other day, to the great disgust of the builder, who does not now know where he will find bottom in the deep mud.

The letter of Mr Wardlaw in your paper has given great amusement here. Does he consider it a part of respectability to appear so often in the dock of H.M. Consulate, to represent *China* to the disengaged districts?

because if he does, we would rather prefer to belong to the "limited circle of non-respectability existing at Amoy." If Mr Wardlaw continues his assaulting career, it is quite possible that his own circle of respectability may be still more limited, say to the confines of four square walls in H. B. M. Consulate buildings.

The weather here is very bad, and it is blowing a gale from the Nor-East.

The Admiral came in last night in the *Vigilant*, and is likely to stay here till the weather moderates.

No tea steamer loading; everybody consequently quite happy, and looking forward to a recommencement of early coffee and bread and butter. They speak of introducing oyster stew at the early training. What next! We beg pardon; we ought to have said, in deference to this American production (bless them for it!) oyster stew.

CORRESPONDENCE.

INSURANCE TARIFFS.

To the Editor of the "CHINA MAIL."

China, Oct. 3, 1878.

Sir,—We would ask you to obtain for us one little convenience which we do not at present possess, viz., regular printed insurance tariff. When we want to estimate the laying down cost of any merchandise to another port we have to send to one of the offices to find out what the rate is, and the same thing occurs when we make up an invoice to any new port, the rate to which we are not acquainted with by constant practices.

Why should the offices not issue tariffs to the insuring public as well as to their various agents? It would be a convenience to all, and it would not only save trouble, but would insure greater correctness. At present it is not an unusual thing for an insurance clerk to take the wrong rate, in which case policies and advices on both sides have all to be made over again, to the extreme disgust of everyone concerned.

Thanks to the absence of typhoon, and other misfortunes, the various insurance offices are getting very rich—will they not spend a very little of that for the benefit of their insuring constituents, in the way we have suggested?

Faithfully yours,

W. A. & F. P. A.

To the Editor of the "CHINA MAIL."

Hongkong, October 10, 1878.

Sir,—Mr Thomas Ide Bowler has entirely failed to get hold of the leading idea of the Chinese document placarded the other day, Its gist lies in the words at the end of it, on the second last line of characters, which Mr Bowler appears to have left entirely untranslated. The words are "if any of the readers" agree with the foregoing remarks, they are hereby invited to append their signatures so that then this document can, together with the names of the signatories, be inserted for some days in the public newspaper." The document has nothing to do with the public meeting, and is signed "a public notice by [certain] shops and traders in Hongkong."

Yours, &c.,

FAIR-PLAY.

Police Intelligence.

(Before C. V. Creagh, Esq.)

10th Oct., 1878.

OBTAINING GOODS BY FALSE PRETENCES.

Wong Aoi, a coolie, was charged with stealing a jacket and a book valued at \$3, and further with obtaining 1 picul and 40 catties of rice under false pretences.

Defendant admitted stealing a jacket valued at 4 cents, but not the articles he was charged with stealing. He also admitted obtaining the rice by falsely representing himself to have come from the Lo Shan Ki shop. The rice was worth about \$4. He told His Worship that he was an earth cooler and could produce no references as to character.—14 days' hard labour for larceny and 8 weeks for obtaining good by false pretences.

STAGGLER.

Patrick O'Donnell, a seaman belonging to the American ship *India*, was ordered to be sent on board, being a straggler.

THE POLICE ARMS.

Thomas Davy, fireman, S.S. *Glamorgan*, was charged with assaulting Slik Constable No. 583 and taking away his rifle. The constable whistled loudly for assistance and two others, including a European, came to his assistance. Several residents were roused from their slumbers and rushed out to lend their assistance. The fireman treated the whole affair as an excellent joke; he told His Worship that he was an earth cooler and could produce no references as to character.—14 days' hard labour for larceny and 8 weeks for obtaining good by false pretences.

TO-DAY'S FINES.

Chau Afuk, mistress of a cargo boat, fighting with some three other women. Fined 10 cents each.

Chau Afuk, a fireman, and two others, no light or pale. Fined 50 cents each.

Tsing Angor, a coolie, cutting earth on the hill-side. Fined 50 cents.

Tang Atak, a coolie, unlawful possession of a piece of wood. Fined \$1.

Pin Achun and Man Achun, confis, unlawful possession of scence wood. Fined \$5 each.

Leong Awo, a street coolie, unlawful possession of some old iron. Fined \$5.

China.

FOOCHOW.

(Herald, Oct. 3rd.)

The Memorial to Lord Salisbary on the subject of the Wu-shih-shan outrage has, we hear, been forwarded to H. B. M. Consul, for transmission to his lordship.

On dit—that the Provincial Government are negotiating the purchase of a new steam-dredge, of greater power than the one at present in use.

We are glad to learn that the degree of Doctor of Divinity has been conferred upon the Rev. S. L. Baldwin, of this port, by the Wesleyan University of Middletown, Connecticut, U.S.A.

The provincial authorities are, we hear, making active preparations for another campaign against the aborigines of Formosa. During the past week reinforcements have, we understand, been despatched to Taiwan, and a strenuous effort is to be made to restore order in the disturbed districts.

The last round trip of the S.S. *Battling* is, perhaps, worth noting. She left Foochow Anchorage at 6 a.m. on Saturday, the 21st ultimo, for Shanghai, and returned to this port on Wednesday evening, the 26th ultimo,—having made the round trip (Foochow to Shanghai and back) in 47 days. The *Battling* left Foochow Anchorage again on the 28th ultimo, for Shanghai,—taking, besides other cargo, over half-a-million pounds of tea.

In connection with the Wu-shih-shan affair, we understand that an English gentleman, at present on a visit to this port, has endeavoured to bring about a private settlement between the Provincial Government and the Church Missionary Society; but, that, independently of other reasons, the latter have very properly declined to entertain any direct proposals from the native authorities,—the master being in the hands of H. B. M.'s Consul.

It is to be regretted that the native officials, who are greatly to blame in this business, should, in their discreditable endeavours to shirk a manifest public duty and to evade the clear demands of justice, receive any kind of assistance or advice from Europeans—not occupying responsible posts under the Chinese Government.

It is, we believe, the fact that the Chinese authorities have not up to the present date, made a single arrest on account of the Wu-shih-shan riot and incendiarism. The latter crime is, we are informed, a capital offence under Chinese law; it is certainly viewed universally as a grave crime against society, while it is everywhere punished with severity. The failure of the Chinese authorities to put the law in force in this instance is simply scandalous, and their misconduct should be made generally known.

The incendiary Ling is, we are informed, still at large—living in the Shwan Kwan Temple—adjoining the Church Mission premises at Wu-shih-shan; he makes no attempt at concealment, and his party openly boast that they intend to drive every foreigner out of the city, and that the mandarins cannot, or will not, prevent them from accomplishing their design.

We are rather astonished to learn, on the authority of the *Amoy Gazette*, that in view of the predicted renewal of trouble at Wu-shih-shan, "the United States Gun-vessel *Alert* intends sending a force of men, with a Gatling gun, on shore—in order to render any assistance that may be necessary." But this extraordinary piece of information is followed by a still more extraordinary statement, in which, to say the least, our contemporary appears to get a "little mixed." The *Gazette* concludes its notice of the threatened attack on the 4th, and the invasion by Uncle Sam, as follows:—

"We hope, however, that the affair will not take place, and we think, moreover, that it is only placed there to 'intimidate' foreigners, and that, like every other Chinese affair of the kind, it will end in smoke." Now, what on earth is the "affair" here alluded to? Is it the threat to burn more missionary houses, or is it the "Gatling gun"? We give up the attempt to solve this riddle, but trust, in defiance of our contemporary's opinion, that the "affair" will not end in smoke.

The Brit. barque *Glamorganshire*, bound from Hongkong to Nagasaki, arrived at Foochow Anchorage yesterday, in distress—having been adrift during a typhoon on the island of Kien-ku-an, one of the Miao-ko-sima group, east of Formosa. Captain McEachern speaks in the highest terms of the kindness he received at the hands of the people of Kien-ku-an—who are the most hospitable, presenting food as well as almost indispensable labour on the distressed mariners, and refusing to receive any recompence whatsoever in consideration thereof. The local officials were also most indefatigable in their endeavours to render assistance, and personally superintended the work of pumping the vessel. The Miao-ko-sima group is, we believe, tributary to Japan, and the people dress their hair and are clad in the Japanese fashion. Their exceptionally kind treatment of the captain and crew of the *Glamorganshire* is deserving of all praise; and will surely be recognized by the Home Government. The *Glamorganshire* is badly damaged in her forecastle, which is clogged with a sail. She goes into the Foochow Dock this afternoon.

Waffles, the Amoy comic paper, is about to re-appear. It will have, if we may judge by recent occurrences at that lively little port, rather a wide field for the display of editorial talent.

The Straits.

(Singapore Daily Times.)

A position, numerously signed by Kling traders, has, we are informed, been presented to H. E. the Governor, praying that Mr F. H. Gottlieb shall be retained as a Police Magistrate in Singapore, and not be sent to Pinang, on the ground that he is intimately acquainted with native customs and manners and from that fact and his connections decisions upon all points he possesses the respect and confidence of natives of all classes. Mr Gottlieb left on Saturday to assume the duties of his late appointment as Police Magistrate of Pinang.

An inquest was held on Saturday last on the body of a Chinaman who met his death in a house No. 118, North Bridge Road, on Friday afternoon, under circumstances of a peculiar nature. It appears that a piece of paraffin of an inferior quality, which had been opened, was placed in a small room of the house, and the deceased, with the object of procuring some paraffin for his lamp, entered the room with a lighted candle in his hand. An explosion instantly occurred, and the unfortunate man was burned in a fearful manner, and his agonies were such that he at once threw himself into a well in the yard of the house. A fire broke out in the room in which the explosion occurred, but, fortunately, an alarm was soon raised, resulting in the arrival of the police, who hauled the Chinaman out of the well and sent him to hospital, where he died in a few hours afterwards, suffering the most intense agony. Scarcely any damage was caused by the fire, which was soon extinguished.

The present year has been an unusually wet one as far as the Straits, but it seems to have been still more so in Ceylon. The rainfall in Colombo in the middle of August stood at 101.05 inches, or nearly 19 inches in excess of the average for the whole year. The highest rainfall recorded was 107.53 in 1876, so that the rainfall in August 1878 was within 8 inches of that quantity, with 16 months of the year yet to come.

LONDON GOSSIP.

Australians are full of anxiety about their mail contract. They think that the Australian mails are sometimes delayed by the India and China mail, but that is shown to be the case. Sometimes the mails come quicker by one route, and sometimes by another—much depending, of course, upon the weather as well as the steamer. Why should not the double line of mails be maintained, so that correspondents may send by the Cape or the Canal as they prefer?

It is said that St. Paul's Churchyard is soon to be made into a cathedral garden. The idea is a happy one, though flagstones and big iron railings are more in accord with the sombre appearance of the great domed pile than the prettiness of garden beds can be. The contrast will, however, be pleasant; and London, since it resolved to get rid of its noisy traffic by taking up the granite pavement, has boasted itself about a number of pretty gardens. There are fine flower-beds and public walks in any city in the world than in the heart of the poverty-stricken East-end? The well-ordered lakes and gardens of Victoria Park are something for England to be proud of.

A novel way to improve wine has just been taken by a firm in Leith. They chartered the schooner *Border Maid* to carry a cargo of wine round the world, believing that by climatic influences it would be improved. She has visited Australia, India, and the Cape, and has returned to Plymouth, having encountered many storms. The effect on the wine remains to be tested.

It is announced that Lord Longford's seat, Summerhill House, County Meath, has been taken for the hunting season by the agents of the Empress of Austria, who propose to reside there during the winter. Her Imperial Majesty will hunt regularly with the Ward Union and Meath hounds.

A nephew of Osman Pasha's has been for several months residing at the Constabulary Depot in the Phoenix Park, Dublin, learning the Royal Irish Constabulary, with a view to the introduction of a similar force in Turkey. *Forest Aril Bay* is the name and title of the visitor. It was at Lord Beaconsfield's suggestion that the Irish Constabulary was selected as the model of the future Turkish police, and that Osman Pasha's relative, who was one of the heroic defenders of Pleven, was despatched to Dublin to acquire a knowledge of his professional design.

Four Cabinet Ministers and the Conservative Whip—all in a row in the stalls of the Gaiety Theatre, laughing like boys at Miss Farren and Edward Terry—formed a refreshing spectacle for meane mortals. The *Gazette* concludes its notice of the threatened attack on the 4th, and the invasion by Uncle Sam, as follows:—

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THE U. S. Mail Steamer *CITY OF TOKIO* will be despatched for San Francisco, via Yokohama, on TUESDAY, the 15th October, at Noon, taking Passengers, and Freight, for Japan, the United States, and Europe.

Through Bills of Lading issued for transportation to Yokohama and other Japanese Ports, to San Francisco, to Atlantic and Inland Cities of the United States via Overland Railways, to Havana, Trinidad, and Demerara, and to ports in Mexico, Central and South America, by the Company's and connecting Steamers.

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On Through PASSAGES to EUROPE, a REDUCTION of TWENTY PER CENT from Regular Rates is granted to OFFICERS OF THE ARMY AND NAVY, and MEMBERS OF THE CIVIL AND CONSULAR SERVICES IN COMMISION.

Freight will be received on board, until 4 p.m., of 14th October, Parcel Packages will be received at the Office until 5 p.m., same day; all Parcel Packages should be marked to address in full; value of same is required.

Consular Invoices to accompany Overland Cargo should be sent to the Company's Offices in Sealed Envelopes, addressed to the Collector of Customs at San Francisco.

For further Information as to Passage and Freight, apply to the Agency of the Company, No. 8, Praya Central.

RUSSELL & CO., Agents.
Hongkong, September 20, 1878. oc15

NOTICE.

COMPAGNIE DES MESSAGERIES
MARITIMES.

PAQUEBOT POSTE FRANCAIS.

STRAM FOR
SAIGON, SINGAPORE, BATAVIA,
POINT DE GALLE,
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SAID, KALYAN, AND
MADRAS;
AMC,
PONDICHERY, MADRAS, CALC-
UTTA AND BOMBAY.

ON THURSDAY, the 17th October, 1878, at Noon, the Company's E. S. *TIGRE*, Commandant LOUISIEN, with MAILED, PASSENGERS, SPECIE, and CARGO, will leave this Port for the above place.

Cargo and Specie will be registered for London as well as for Marseilles, and accepted in transit through Marseilles for the principal places of Europe.

Shipping Orders will be granted until Noon.

Cargo will be received on board until 4 p.m., and Parcels until 3 p.m., on the 16th October, 1878. (Parcels are not to be sent on board; they must be left at the Agency's Office.)

Contents and value of Packages are required.

For further particulars, apply at the Company's Office.

H. DU POUEY,
Agent.
Hongkong, October 1, 1878. oc17

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Connection is made at Yokohama, with Steamers from Shanghai.

Freight will be received on Board until 4 p.m. of the 31st October, PARCEL PACKAGES will be received at the Office until 5 p.m., same day; all Parcel Packages should be marked to address in full; value of same is required.

A REDUCTION is made on RETURN PASSENGER TICKETS.

For further information as to Freight or Passage, apply to the Agency of the Company, No. 3, Queen's Road Central.

C. E. ELLIOT, Agent.
Hongkong, October 2, 1878. oc18

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Hongkong, July 31, 1878.

Notices to Consignees.

FROM LONDON AND SINGAPORE.

THE S. S. *Loudoun Castle*, having arrived from the above Ports, Consignees of Cargo are hereby informed that their Goods are being landed, at their risk, into the Godowns of Messrs. BUTTERFIELD & SWINE, whence delivery may be obtained.

Consignees wishing to receive their Goods on the Wharf are at liberty to do so.

Optional Cargo will be forwarded on, unless notice to the contrary be given before 5 p.m., To-day.

No Claims will be admitted after the Goods have left the Godowns, and all Goods remaining after the 16th instant will be subject to rent.

No Fire Insurance has been effected.

Bills of Lading will be countersigned by ADAMSON, BELL & CO., Agents.

Hongkong, October 9, 1878. oc16

COMPAGNIE DES MESSAGERIES
MARITIMES.

NOTICE.

CONSIGNERS of Cargo per S. S. *India*, from London, in connection with the above Steamer, are hereby informed that their Goods are being landed and stored at their risk at the Company's Godowns, whence delivery may be obtained immediately after landing.

Optional Cargo will be forwarded on, unless intimation is received from the Consignees before To-day, the 30th Inst., at 11 a.m., requesting it to be landed here.

Bills of Lading will be countersigned by the Undersigned.

Goods remaining unclaimed after Monday, the 7th October, at Noon, will be subject to rent and landing charges.

No Fire Insurance has been effected.

H. DU POUEY,

Agent.

Hongkong, September 30, 1878. oc15

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